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As a below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 1 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the invention entitled:

# SOFT TISSUE SUBSTITUTE AND METHOD OF SOFT TISSUE REFORMATION

which is described and claimed in:

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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the specification filed herewith.  
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